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Governor Markell Surveying Damage, Thanking Workers

Wilmington - Governor Markell is traveling areas affected by Hurricane Sandy in order to survey damage and thank workers for their ongoing efforts.

"I am extremely grateful to the many state workers, emergency personnel and volunteers who have been working around the clock to ensure the safety and well-being of Delawareans," said Markell. "Though there is significant damages from flooding and we are experiencing power outages across the state, Delaware certainly fared better than earlier forecasts indicated we would."

The Governor began his tour at William Penn High School, which is serving as one of seven shelters in the state. From there, he surveyed the damage in the Southbridge section of the City of Wilmington and toured the Wilmington Emergency Operation Center. The Governor also stopped in Old New Castle, where he and Lt. Governor Denn saw the heavily damaged pier.

Planned stops for the remainder of the day include:

11:45 a.m. - Thank volunteers at State Health Operations Center at the Delaware Hospital for the Chronically III (Smyrna, DE)

3:00 p.m. - Tour damage at Indian River Inlet Bridge. Due to the damage, there is a barricade at the Rt. 1 N side of the bridge. DelDot workers will meet reporters and drive them further in to survey the damage and meet with the Governor.

The Governor will be available for one-on-one interviews at the bridge.

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